GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS AGENCIES IN PURNIA DISTRICT OF BIHAR
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the number of gas agencies functioning in Purnia district of Bihar;

(b): whether the number of these agencies is in proportion of the increasing population;

(c): if not, whether the Government propose to open new agencies in other big towns of Purnia district; and

(d): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to (d): At present there are 5 LPG distributorships in operation in Purnia district of Bihar. As per the existing policy, the following criteria are adopted for setting up economically viable LPGdistributorships in different parts of the country including small towns and villages:

(i) All urban locations with a population of 10,000 and above by including potential of adjoining villages falling within the radius of 15 Kms.

(ii) Urban locations having population of 5,000 and above taking into account the potential of adjoining villages falling within 15 Kms radius.

(iii) Cluster of villages within 15 Kms radius of nucleus villages having a population of 10,000 and above.

(iv) Villages within 15 Kms radius around towns having population of 1 lakh and above.

One location is pending for setting up of LPG distributorship at Gulab Bag in Purnia district of Bihar.